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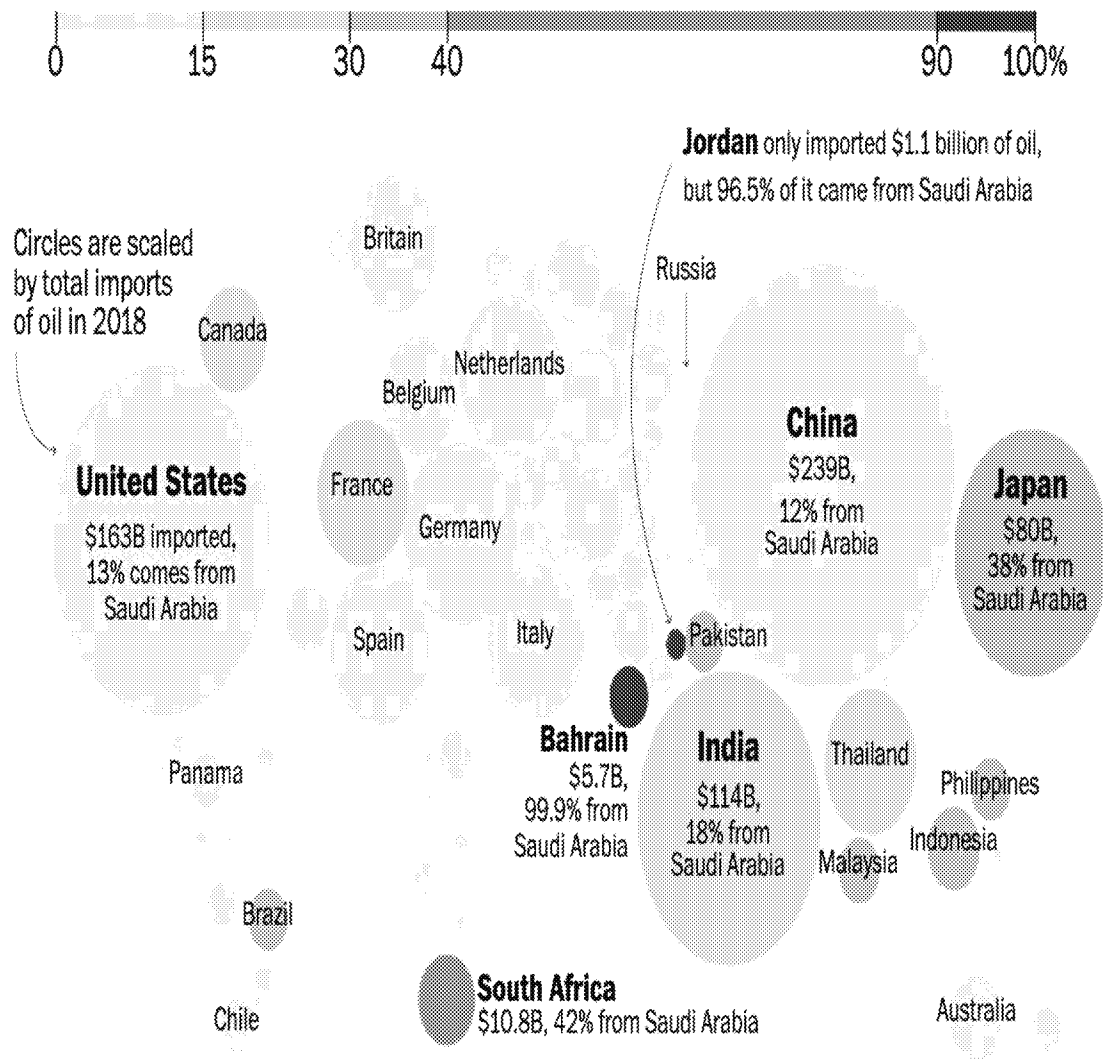
- President Donald Trump said the Environmental Protection Agency would act within a week to cite the city of San Francisco over environmental violations related to ocean pollution stemming from what he said is the city's homelessness problem. San Francisco Mayor London Breed (D) countered that filtration at wastewater treatment sites keeps the city's debris from reaching the bay or the ocean. ([The New York Times](#))
- More than 500 major institutional investment firms managing what they said are a collective \$35 trillion in assets called on countries to increase their efforts to address climate change by expediting the shift away from fossil fuels and pricing carbon emissions so that the world can avoid the disastrous economic consequences of an "unacceptably high temperature increase." The investors, which include Toronto, Canada-based Manulife Financial Corp. and Insight Investment in the United States, said they are concerned about an "ambition gap" between governments' pledges for action and the steps they have taken to date. ([The Associated Press](#))
- Energy Secretary Rick Perry informed Saudi Arabia earlier this month that it must forgo efforts to self-enrich or reprocess uranium in order to reach an agreement with the United States to share nuclear technology, according to a letter obtained by a media outlet. Perry added that the Trump administration will not allow U.S. companies to share data related to South Korean reactor sales

to Saudi Arabia and "remains committed to supporting" Westinghouse Electric Co., an American company, "in the competition to sell its reactor to the kingdom." ([Bloomberg](#))

## Chart Review

Who buys Saudi Arabia's oil?  
**The Washington Post**

## Percentage of crude oil imported from Saudi Arabia in 2018



## Events Calendar (All Times Local)

**09/19/2019**

NEI Risk-Informed Regulation and Fire Protection Forum

Horizon19 Conference

Alliance to Save Energy's Active Efficiency Collaborative Launch Briefing	8:30 am
The Aspen Institute Hosts "Stakeholder Engagement in Energy Development"	9:00 am
Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Andrew Wheeler testifies at House Science, Space and Technology hearing	10:00 am
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission open meeting	10:00 am
House Natural Resources Committee's National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands Subcommittee Legislative Hearing	10:00 am
House Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee hearing on marine debris	10:30 am
FERC public meeting soliciting comments on Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Alaska LNG Project	6:00 pm

### **09/20/2019**

Horizon19 Conference

House Energy and Commerce Energy Subcommittee Hearing on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Pollution from the U.S. Building Sector	9:00 am
Resources for the Future Event on the Future of Carbon Pricing: Examining 2019's New Proposals	9:30 am

### **09/23/2019**

North America Smart Energy Week

National Clean Energy Week Conference

S&P Global Platts 2nd Annual Battery Metals Conference

Southern States Energy Board Annual Meeting

**09/24/2019**

North America Smart Energy Week

National Clean Energy Week Conference

S&P Global Platts 2nd Annual Battery Metals Conference

Southern States Energy Board Annual Meeting

EESI Climate and National Security Forum 2019

9:30 am

The New York Times Climate Warriors Times Talk

7:00 pm

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## General

[Interior transfers parts of public lands to Army for border wall construction](#)

**Rebecca Klar, The Hill**

The approved land, which spans parts of New Mexico, California and Arizona, will not interfere with any national parks or segments of Native American land, according to the department's announcement.

[Facing fines, polluters turn to Trump's enforcement fixer](#)  
**Corbin Hiar and Mike Soraghan, E&E News**

Jackson's previously unreported role as an enforcement fixer for friends and allies - pieced together from internal agency records, enforcement documents, company financial filings and interviews - makes some former career EPA enforcement staffers question whether Jackson is abusing his powerful position to benefit favored companies and lobbyists.

[Former NOAA heads criticize agency leaders, Trump over 'political attacks' against the agency](#)  
**Miranda Green, The Hill**

Four former administrators for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are objecting to what they call "political attacks" against the agency and criticizing the Trump administration and the agency leaders after controversy over the projected path of Hurricane Dorian.

[AP-NORC Poll: Americans somewhat confident in climate fight](#)  
**Seth Borenstein and Emily Swanson, The Associated Press**

About 7 in 10 Americans think it is at least moderately likely the world will take action in the next decade to reduce emissions of heat-trapping

carbon dioxide and other gases, but only about 3 in 10 think that's very likely to happen, according to the August poll.

Michael Bloomberg's new climate ad buy

**Ben Geman, Axios**

The Michael Bloomberg-backed Beyond Carbon campaign has launched a 6-figure digital ad buy just ahead of the 2-day climate forum with 2020 Democratic hopefuls that MSNBC is co-hosting Thursday and Friday.

Democrats hold first hearing in push for clean energy by 2050

**Rebecca Beitsch, The Hill**

The hearing came two months after Democrats on the committee first announced their intentions to produce climate legislation by the end of the year.

10,000 Farmers And Ranchers Endorse Green New Deal In Letter To Congress

**Alexander C. Kaufman, HuffPost**

In a letter sent to Congress on Wednesday morning, the newly formed bipartisan coalition U.S. Farmers & Ranchers for a Green New Deal threw its weight behind the sweeping industrial plan outlined in a resolution that Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) proposed in February.

Oil Rises Amid Doubts About Speed of Saudi Recovery From Attacks

**Grant Smith, Bloomberg**

Futures gained 2.1% in New York after paring around half of Monday's 15% surge over the past two days. The Saudis asked Iraq's national oil company for as much as 20 million barrels of crude to supply its domestic refineries, Dow Jones reported.

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## Oil and Natural Gas

Report: Cleanup of abandoned oil, gas wells could cost US

**Matthew Brown, The Associated Press**

The Government Accountability Office said in a report that it identified almost 2,300 wells that have not produced oil and gas since 2008 and have not been reclaimed.

Saudi oil output unlikely to be fully restored as quickly as officials say: analysts

**Jonathan Fox, S&P Global Platts**

Analysts are skeptical and say the numbers do not assure the oil markets about current production levels and that the outage will leave the kingdom with little spare capacity, keeping markets on edge.

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## Utilities and Infrastructure

Alaska remote diesel generators win exemption from pollution rule

**Liz Ruskin, Alaska Public Media**

Congress has passed a bill to exempt diesel generators in rural Alaska from an air quality rule that village utilities say was unworkable for them.

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## Renewables

Tesla's Model 3 earns insurance industry's top safety rating

**Debroop Roy and David Shepardson, Reuters**

Tesla Inc's (TSLA.O) Model 3 electric sedan has earned the top safety rating from the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety (IIHS), becoming the first Tesla to do so.

California looks for ways to preserve environmental clout

**Adam Beam and Michael Biesecker, The Associated Press**

In eliminating California's authority to set its own emission standards for cars and trucks, the Trump administration would take away leverage the state needs to convince the world's largest automakers to make more environmentally friendly vehicles.

Solar and Wind Power So Cheap They're Outgrowing Subsidies

**Mark Chediak and Brian Eckhouse, Bloomberg**

In China, the government plans to stop financially supporting new wind farms. And in the U.S., developers are signing shorter sales contracts, opting to depend on competitive markets for revenue once the agreements expire.

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## Coal

Wyoming's governor approached Mexico about coal export possibilities

**Nick Reynolds, Casper Star Tribune**

Wyoming Gov. Mark Gordon contacted the Mexican government about the possibility of using the country's ports to export the state's coal to markets overseas, an official with the Mexican consulate's office in Denver said Tuesday.

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## Nuclear

Fukushima Nuclear Disaster Trial Ends With Acquittals of 3 Executives

**Ben Dooley et al., The New York Times**

A Japanese court on Thursday acquitted three former Tokyo Electric Power Company executives who had been accused of criminal negligence for their roles in the meltdown of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant.

U.S. senators urge Trump administration to end nuclear talks with Saudis

**Timothy Gardner, Reuters**

Senators Ed Markey and Jeff Merkley, members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, wrote to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Perry urging the administration to discontinue recent talks with the kingdom about nuclear power development.

Connecticut regulators approve Millstone electric power deal  
**The Associated Press**

Connecticut regulators have approved a contract between the owner of the Millstone nuclear power plant and the state's two major electric distribution utilities.

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## Climate

Climate crisis seen as 'most important issue' by public, poll shows

**Matthew Taylor, The Guardian**

The poll surveyed more than 1,000 people in the UK, Canada, Germany, Italy, Brazil, France, Poland and the US.

Greta Thunberg, on Tour in America, Offers an Unvarnished View

**Somini Sengupta, The New York Times**

With her typically blunt, often biting remarks, she has offered Americans a sort of unvarnished, outsider's view of themselves. And she has used the supersize attention she has received in this country to draw attention to her American peers, those young activists who have dutifully organized for climate action in their communities without any of the limelight that she has received.

EPA Could Rewrite Cross-State Pollution Rule, It Tells Court  
**Amena H. Saiyid, Bloomberg Environment**

A federal appeals court is indefinitely delaying oral arguments in a lawsuit challenging an EPA regulation of upwind sources of ozone-forming pollution while the agency decides how to proceed in a related case.

6 questions about carbon offsets for flights, answered  
**Natalie B. Compton, The Washington Post**

People today are flying more than ever, and that trend is set to continue: Last year, the International Air Transport Association reported that airline passenger numbers could almost double worldwide by 2037, to 8.2 billion annually.

One Way to Slow Climate Change: Pay CEOs to Protect the Planet  
**Emily Chasan, Bloomberg**

Most large companies now set sustainability goals, but few impose consequences on employees who fail to meet them. Around 500 corporations worldwide tie executive pay to environmental, social or governance goals, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

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## Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

5 takeaways from attack on Saudi oil production  
**The Editorial Board, USA Today**

When an airborne volley of what investigators now believe were cruise missiles and drones laid waste to Saudi oil processing centers Saturday, the price of crude jumped and tremors rippled through the global energy market.

Gavin Newsom just decided to carry Trump's water by vetoing an endangered species bill

**The Times Editorial Board**

On the eve of President Trump's visit to California this week, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced his intention to veto a bill that would have protected the state's iconic migratory salmon and many other endangered species from the Trump administration's environmental rollbacks. The timing is unhappily fitting

How Energy Companies Corrupt State Politics

**Meaghan Winter, The New Republic**

Energy policy is often thought of as a national issue, rather than a state one. But because states partially regulate energy companies, climate activists have zeroed in on state governments as venues where they must make reforms soon.

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## Research Reports

Oil and Gas: Bureau of Land Management Should Address Risks from Insufficient Bonds to Reclaim Wells

**U.S. Government Accountability Office**

Bonds held by BLM have not provided sufficient financial assurance to prevent orphaned oil and gas wells (wells that are not reclaimed by their operators and, among other things, whose bonds were not sufficient to cover remaining reclamation costs, leaving BLM to pay for reclamation).



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